

**IN SUPPORT OF ACCESS TO ABORTION CARE**

One in four women will have an abortion during their lifetime, and people across the gender spectrum receive and rely on abortion care.

The 1973 Supreme Court ruling in *Roe v. Wade* made access to safe and legal abortion a constitutional right in the United States. Seventy-two percent of people nationwide oppose overturning *Roe v. Wade* according to a Marquette Law School’s poll from January 2022. The Supreme Court of the United States is expected to rule this summer on *Dobbs v. Jackson’s Women’s Health*, and overturn *Roe v. Wade’s* protected right to an abortion.

Wisconsin has a 173-year-old criminal abortion law still in our statutes that will immediately go into effect if *Roe v. Wade* is overturned, effectively banning all abortions in our state by making it a felony to perform an abortion with no exceptions for rape, incest, or the health of the pregnant person.

The 2021-2023 Dane County Legislative Agenda includes a priority to "Repeal all state laws that prohibit women from having access to safe and legal abortions, that don’t protect women’s health and don’t ensure a woman’s dignity, equality and autonomy."

In 2018 there were 6,042 abortions performed in Wisconsin; if abortions are banned in Wisconsin, anyone seeking abortion care will need to travel out of state. Those who cannot afford to travel, take time off work or obtain childcare will face severe obstacles to obtaining abortion care.

Should *Roe v. Wade* be overturned, communities of color, low-income communities, people who are disabled, immigrants, young people, and members of the LGBTQ+ community will be among the most disproportionately affected populations.

Abortion care is health care.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Dane County Board of Supervisors firmly states its commitment to protect abortion care and to ensure all people in Dane County and the State of Wisconsin have access to all health care, including abortion care.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Dane County Board of Supervisors supports the repeal of Wis. Stat. § 940.04 which bans abortion at any stage of pregnancy without exception for rape, incest or the health of the patient.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution be sent to Governor Tony Evers, the Dane County legislative delegation, U.S. Senators Tammy Baldwin and Ron Johnson, and the Wisconsin Congressional delegation.